

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Sending Indian Troops to Syria
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether India is planning to send troops to Syria to join US coalitions engaged in the fight against the terror group, ISIS and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is a possibility of joining a 'ceasefire-monitoring mechanism' outside the UN mandate and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India plans to provide indirect support to Syria like humanitarian and financial aid; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) As part of its commitment to humanitarian assistance to Syria and neighbouring countries in the conflict, India participated in the humanitarian assistance related conferences on Syria and contributed US\$ 4 million in three conferences and pledged US\$ 5 million as assistance during the last conference on Syria. India has also contributed US\$ 1 million towards Trust Fund of the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for destruction of Syrian chemical weapons. Supply of medicines worth US\$ 1 million is being processed under Disaster relief.